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For: A NUCLEIC ACID CONSTRUCT  
CONTAINING A NUCLEIC ACID DERIVED  
FROM THE GENOME OF HEPATITIS C  
VIRUS (HCV) OF GENOTYPE 2A, AND A  
CELL HAVING SUCH NUCLEIC ACID  
CONSTRUCT INTRODUCED THEREIN

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**REPLY TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION REQUIREMENT**

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Sir:

In reply to the Restriction and Election Requirement dated July 10, 2008, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This reply includes: Remarks.